

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

The Office Action of August 16, 2004 rejects claims 1-15 as being obvious over Livnat (6,286,957) in view of Shalon et al (5,793,468).

It is noted that both of these references disclose only machines for measuring aspects of the eye. Neither reference discloses a method of making spectacles, particularly a method that can be used to mass produce spectacles at remote locations using such tools as (in claim 15) a mitre box.

Claim 1 is amended to specify that "cutting the lens" relates to cutting across the lens, such that a portion of the lens is removed. Claim 15 is amended to indicate that the lens is sawed off in the miter box.

Neither of the cited references discloses many of the steps that claims 1 and 15 recite. For example, neither reference recites any of the following steps in claim 15:

"aligning a prescribed axis on a protractor;

marking a line across the lens at the 180 degree line using a protractor;

matching the line marked across the lens to a mark in a miter box;

sawing off a portion of a lens for each eye in the miter box; and

mounting the cut lenses onto an eyeglasses frame."

In claim 1, neither reference recites any of the following steps:

"cutting across and removing a portion of a lens for each eye along a line segment; and

after cutting the lenses, mounting the cut lenses onto an eyeglasses frame, said lenses having a portion removed therefrom by said step of cutting."

It is respectfully submitted that the obviousness rejections cannot be upheld when so many of the recited steps are missing from the cited references. Also, as listed above, there are several steps that are unique to this method of making eyeglasses, which allows the method to be used in remote areas with minimal equipment to make eyeglasses for poor people.

Withdrawal of the obviousness rejections is respectfully requested. A prompt Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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